

February 13, 2013

Maria Lombardo  
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San Francisco County Transportation Authority  
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Dear Director Lombardo,

We write to reiterate our support for the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project and to urge you to select it for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) funding. We recognize there are multiple candidate projects with needs exceeding the total available funds, but we ask you to prioritize Masonic Avenue. We consider it a matter of public safety. The project will rectify what is now a fundamentally unsafe street design. It will also improve transit on a major north-south corridor, reduce environmental impact, and increase livability, thus meeting all the criteria established in the Transportation Plan.

The sidewalk bulb-outs, grade-separated bikeways, and tree-lined median are desperately needed on Masonic Avenue. There have been a number of high-profile collisions and fatalities on this route in recent years, and something must be done to make it safer for people biking, walking and driving. Masonic is the only north-south bike route in the area, but is currently very unsafe and unappealing for most riders. We must act fast to improve this corridor.

This project has overwhelming community support. Community members have been working together for the past six years to make Masonic Avenue safer for residents and commuters. We are impressed with the work of the neighborhood associations and SFMTA staff. The unanimous approval at the SFMTA Board of Directors hearing in 2012 is a testament to the level of support this project has garnered.

Thank you for your work to ensure the Masonic Avenue Complete Streets project receives the OBAG funding it needs for implementation.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Eric Mar, District 1  
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Supervisor London Breed, District 5

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